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Govt approves uniform examination framework for Class IX, X

KARACHI: The Sindh government has implemented a uniform examination standard for all education boards in the province, under which examinations for Grades 9 and 10 will be conducted according to a single framework.

In the first phase, the new system will apply to examinations in English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology, said a press release issued on Friday.

Education Minister Sardar Shah said that examinations will now be conducted on the basis of the approved UES rather than strictly following textbooks.

Under this system, all examination boards across the province will set question papers according to the same examination framework. This, he said, will eliminate disparities among boards and remove the perception that a board is comparatively easier or more difficult than others.

Mr Shah further said that the new examination system will focus on understanding, application, and critical thinking instead of rote memorisation, enabling a more accurate assessment of students' actual learning abilities. He added that the introduction of a modern assessment system would not only improve examination standards but also promote transparency and uniformity.

The minister further said that, alongside examination reforms, special attention is being given to Student Learning Outcomes and the system of teachers' professional training is being strengthened to ensure effective implementation of these reforms. —Staff Reporter

Man granted bail in kidnap, rape case

SHC allows plea after defence counsel tells court suspect had married the victim

By Ishaq Tanoli

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court has granted bail to a man in a kidnap and rape case after the counsel for the applicant submitted that the suspect had contracted marriage with the alleged victim.

The SHC noted that the applicant had already been incarcerated for over five months as the trial had yet to commence while the material currently available on record would no doubt require further inquiry.

Zafar Iqbal through his lawyer moved the SHC after a sessions court had dismissed his post-arrest bail application in a case lodged against him under Sections 365-B (kidnapping, abducting or inducing woman to compel for marriage, etc) and 376 (punishment for rape) of the Pakistan Penal Code read with Section 3 of Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act 2018 at the Mehmoodabad police station.

The lawyer for the applicant argued that the suspect had contracted marriage with the woman and placed the *nikahnama* (marriage certificate) on record, but her family had objected over such wedlock.

The counsel said that the woman had left the house of her parents to live with the applicant, being her husband, out of freewill and a false case was lodged against the applicant on behalf of her family.

However, the lawyer for complainant side contended that the applicant/suspect was a tenant at the house of the victim's brother and that he had forcibly kidnapped her and subjected her to rape. The lawyer relied upon her statement recorded under Section 164 of the criminal procedure code (CrPC) in support of his contentions.

After hearing both sides and examining the material available on record, a single-judge bench of the SHC headed by Justice Muhammad Osman Ali Hadi granted post-arrest bail subject to furnishing solvent surety of Rs75,000.

The bench in its order said, "It appears that the accused has already been incarcerated for over five months, and the trial has yet to commence. Furthermore, at this stage, it appears that no concrete legal grounds have been submitted for denial of bail, as the material currently available on record would no doubt require further inquiry/assessment before establishing guilt/innocence of the accused after proper recording of evidence at the trial stage".

Sessions court dismisses man's bail in sexual assault case

A sessions court has dismissed the bail plea of a man in a case pertaining to the alleged rape of a woman after allegedly intoxicating her within the remit of Bahadurabad police station.

The suspect was booked for the alleged rape of a woman, who stated in the FIR that in August 2025, came into contact with the suspect while applying for a credit card. She alleged that the suspect later invited her to a house where a woman and another man were already present.

The complainant added that the suspect offered her a glass of juice, which she believed was laced with intoxicants, after which she became semi-unconscious.

She alleged that the suspect raped her while the other two suspects recorded a video of the incident. She further claimed that the suspect later threatened her with the release of the video on social media if she disclosed the incident.

After the registration of the complaint, police arrested the suspect, who approached the sessions court for bail for the fourth time after the Sindh High Court (SHC) had already rejected his plea.

After hearing arguments from both sides, Additional District and Sessions Judge (East) Naseer Noor Khan dismissed the application as the suspect had failed to present any fresh grounds for the grant of bail.

The court noted that after careful scrutiny of the material available on record, it appears that the first and second bail applications of the applicant were dismissed by this court in October.

It added that the applicant later approached the SHC but failed to obtain bail and, after the submission of the challan, moved the court for bail for the fourth time.

Defence counsel argued that the investigating officer (IO) had submitted a challan in which he stated that, as per medical report, there were no positive findings regarding the administration of any intoxication to the complainant as alleged in the FIR.

However, the court rejected his argument and noted that "mere submission of challan by the IO is not a valid ground for grant of bail to the applicant in an offence punishable U/S 376 PPC and the negative findings in respect of any intoxication being administered to the applicant requires deeper appreciation of evidence which is not warranted at the bail stage and therefore, apparently, the grounds raised by learned counsel for applicant for grant of bail cannot be considered as fresh valid grounds for grant of bail."

"Needless to mention that earlier bail application of applicant were dismissed by this court on merits wherein rest of the grounds raised by learned defence counsel have already been discussed in detailed, therefore, there is no need to repeat the same."

A case was registered at Bahadurabad police station under Sections 376 and 506 of the Pakistan Penal Code.

CM irked by absence of six secretaries during visit to Sindh Secretariat

Explanation letters issued to secretaries of local govt, forest, food, culture, labour and livestock departments

Dawn Report

KARACHI: Six administrative secretaries were found to be absent from duty when Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah paid a surprise visit of the Sindh Secretariat on Friday morning.

According to a spokesperson, the absent officers included the secretaries of local government, food, forest, culture, labour and livestock departments.

The CM observed that the six secretaries were absent from their offices until 9:30 am. Taking serious notice of their absence, the CM directed that explanations be sought from them.

Following his directives, Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah immediately issued explanation letters to the secretaries concerned.

Earlier, the CM paid a surprise visit to the secretariat to assess the progress of ongoing development and renovation works.

He was warmly received by the chief secretary.

During the visit, the CM inspected various sections of the secretariat and reviewed the pace and quality of development and renovation works currently underway.

He emphasised the importance of maintaining a professional working environment and ensuring that government offices function efficiently to facilitate better service delivery to the public.

He expressed satisfaction on finding most of the secretaries present in their offices during official working hours, terming it a positive sign of administrative discipline and commitment.

BODIES of four persons are transported to a hospital in Edhi ambulances.—Shakil Adil / White Star

Four decomposed bodies found off Mai Kolachi Road

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Four decomposed bodies — two women, a boy and a man — were recovered from a pit on Mai Kolachi Road on Friday night, police and rescue services officials.

South DIG Syed Asad Raza the bodies were recovered from a bushy area in the limits of the Docks police station.

The police rushed to the spot after receiving information from a scavenger. Officials said the deceased persons appeared to have died around 10-15 days ago.

The bodies have been sent to a hospital to determine their exact cause of death.

Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah took notice of the incident. He directed the police to investigate the matter and present an inquiry report on priority basis.

Mayor okays Rs4.2bn plan to revamp

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Karachi will witness sustainable development, a modern outlook and tangible change in 2026.

"We will prove that the PPP is the only truly public-centric party for Karachi," he added.

Uplift projects inaugurated

Separately, the mayor inaugurated the Raheem Bux Soomro Road along with other development projects constructed at a cost of Rs104m in Gulzar-i-Hijri, Scheme 33, Safora Town, District East.

Speaking on the occasion, the mayor said traffic congestion on Sharea Faisal, especially for people traveling to and from Gulistan-i-Jauhar and Safora, causes severe problems at Askari Four, Dalmia, Jauhar Mor and Perfume Chowk.

To address these issues, Pehlwan Goth Road is being developed as an alternative route, he said, adding that in addition, a new road has been approved which will start near Natha Khan Flyover, pass behind Habib University, and link with Pehlwan Goth.

The construction of this alternative road will cost Rs8bn, and it will be completed by the KMC, he said.

He said that work on Jahangir Road will also begin in the coming days and will be completed within two months. Upon completion, residents of Jahangir Road, District Central, Gurumandir, and millions of commuters traveling towards M.A. Jinnah Road will get a better and standard road facility, he added.

He said that the construction of the Baloch Colony Expressway will be completed by January 31.

Talking about University Road, the mayor said that the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Red Line project had been facing delays due to financial issues, but with the support of the Sindh government, these obstacles have been removed.

He thanked the CM and the provincial cabinet, stating that contractor payments have been cleared and work has resumed. "The target is to complete the University Road BRT project by July 31 to significantly reduce difficulties faced by millions of daily commuters."

About Karimabad Underpass, he said it "will be opened to the public in the first week of February".

He said that town administrations got more powers than the mayor in some matters, and if they still failed to resolve public issues, they should go home.

CORRIGENDUM

With reference to the advertisement published vide PID(Q)276/25 on dated 20-12-2025 in different newspapers & also uploaded on PPRA and QESCO websites respectively. in this regard to inform all prospective bidders that Claus 8 of the aforementioned Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) is hereby modified as follows:

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